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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

HUTCHENS and YIP

Application No.: 09/100,633

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A set of pending claims with entry of this amendment is provided in the appendix.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 68, lines 31-32 of the specification, please delete the following sentence: "A test agent that is to be screened for its ability to modulate prothymosin expression is administered to the test animal or to the cultured cells *in vitro*."

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel non-elected claims 1-24, 27-29 and 31-32 without prejudice.